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Please cancel Claims 8-14 and 46-56.

Please amend Claims 1-4, 6, 15-22, 28, 30, 45, 57, and 59 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising:

- (a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;
- (b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;
- (c) recording audible caller identification information transmitted from the calling communication station;
- (d) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station without transmitting an additional request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station; and
- (e) canceling the call in response to input from the called communication station.

2. (Twice Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising:

- (a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;

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- (b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;
- (c) recording audible caller identification information transmitted from the calling communication station;
- (d) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station without transmitting an additional request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station; and
- (e) transferring the call to a voice mail system in response to input from the called communication station.

3. (Twice Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising:

- (a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;
- (b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;
- (c) recording audible caller identification information transmitted from the calling communication station;
- (d) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station without transmitting an additional request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station; and

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(e) transferring the call to another location in response to input from the called communication station.

4. (Twice Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising:

(a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;

(b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;

(c) recording audible caller identification information transmitted from the calling communication station;

(d) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station without transmitting an additional request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station; and

(e) transmitting a message to the calling communication station in response to input from the called communication station.

5. The method of claims 1, 2, 3, or 4, wherein the input from the called communication station comprises dual tone multi-frequency tones.

6. (Twice Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising:

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- (a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;
- (b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;
- (c) recording audible caller identification information transmitted from the calling communication station;
- (d) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station without transmitting an additional request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station; and
- (e) transmitting a text message to the called communication station.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the text message comprises a name of a telephone service.

15. (Twice Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising:

- (a) using an advanced intelligent network to determine whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;
- (b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;

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- (c) recording audible caller identification information transmitted from the calling communication station; and
- (d) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station without transmitting an additional request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station.

16. (Twice Amended) The method of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 15, wherein (a) comprises determining whether caller identification information for the calling communication station is unavailable.

17. (Twice Amended) The method of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 15, wherein (a) comprises determining whether the caller identification information for the calling communication station is incomplete.

18. (Twice Amended) The method of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 15, wherein (a) comprises determining whether caller identification information for the calling communication station has been blocked.

19. (Twice Amended) The method of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 15, wherein (b) comprises transmitting a request for the calling party to speak his or her name.

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20. (Twice Amended) The method of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 15, wherein (b) comprises transmitting a request for the calling party to speak the name of the party upon whose behalf he or she is calling.

21. (Twice Amended) The method of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 15, further comprising transmitting a message to the called communication station, the message comprising accept and reject options and a request for input from the called communication station.

22. (Twice Amended) The method of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 15, further comprising determining whether a human is available to answer the call.

23. The method of claim 15, further comprising connecting the call in response to input from the called communication station.

24. The method of claim 15, further comprising canceling the call in response to input from the called communication station.

25. The method of claim 15, further comprising transferring the call to a voice mail system in response to input from the called communication station.

26. The method of claim 15, further comprising transferring the call to another location in response to input from the called communication station.

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27. The method of claim 15, further comprising transmitting a message to the calling communication station in response to input from the called communication station.

28. (Twice Amended) The method of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 15, further comprising transmitting a text message to the called communication station.

29. The method of claim 27, wherein the text message comprises a name of a telephone service.

30. (Amended) A system for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station comprising:

means for determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;

means for transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;

means for recording audible caller identification information transmitted from the calling communication station; and

means for transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station without transmitting an additional request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station.

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31. A system for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station comprising:

a service control point operative to determine whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;

a service node coupled with the service control point, the service node being operative to transmit a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station and being operative to transmit the audible caller identification information to the called communication station.

32. The system of claim 31, wherein the service control point is operative to determine whether the standard caller identification information for the calling communication station is unavailable.

33. The system of claim 31, wherein the service control point is operative to determine whether the standard caller identification information for the calling communication station is incomplete.

34. The system of claim 31, wherein the service control point is operative to determine whether the standard caller identification information for the calling communication station has been blocked.

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35. The system of claim 31, wherein the service node is operative to transmit audible messages to the calling communication station.

36. The system of claim 31, wherein the service node is operative to transmit audible messages to the called communication station.

37. The system of claim 31, wherein the service node is operative to receive and respond to input from the called communication station.

38. A system for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station comprising:

a service control point operative to determine whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;

an intelligent peripheral coupled with the service control point, the intelligent peripheral being operative to transmit a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station and being operative to transmit the audible caller identification information to the called communication station.

39. The system of claim 38, wherein the service control point is operative to determine whether the standard caller identification information for the calling communication station is unavailable.

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40. The system of claim 38, wherein the service control point is operative to determine whether the standard caller identification information for the calling communication station is incomplete.

41. The system of claim 38, wherein the service control point is operative to determine whether the standard caller identification information for the calling communication station has been blocked.

42. The system of claim 38, wherein the intelligent peripheral is operative to transmit audible messages to the calling communication station.

43. The system of claim 38, wherein the intelligent peripheral is operative to transmit audible messages to the called communication station.

44. The system of claim 38, wherein the intelligent peripheral is operative to receive and respond to input from the called communication station.

45. (Amended) A computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the computer readable program code comprising:

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a first computer readable program code for causing a computer to determine whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;

a second computer readable program code for causing a computer to transmit a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station; [and]

a third computer readable program code for causing a computer to record audible caller identification information transmitted from the calling communication station; and

a fourth computer readable program code for causing a computer to transmit the audible caller identification information to the called communication station without transmitting an additional request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station.

57. (Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;
- (b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;
- (c) receiving an override signal from the calling communication station; and

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(d) connecting the calling communication station and the called communication station in response to the override signal and without requiring the calling party to provide audible caller identification information.

58. The method of claim 57, wherein the override signal comprises a pin number.

59. (Amended) The method of claim 57, wherein the override signal comprises a [pin number] password.